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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, in a matter like this, we have to make a very cautious approach. Any false step taken will only embitter the feelings between the caste Hindus and Harijans. The Government have appointed Sri M. Kattimuthu as a trustee and he is assisted by the Assistant Commissioner of Religious Endowments. Every step is being taken to see that harmonious relationship exists between the caste Hindus and Harijans in the matter of entry into that small temple."

Opening of Higher Elementary Standards in the Board Elementary School, South Thrikkarpur.

* 230 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the District Board, South Kanara, has recommended to the Government to convert the South Thrikkarpur Board Elementary School into a Higher Elementary School; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government have since sanctioned the opening of Higher Elementary standards in the Board Elementary School, South Thrikkarpur, under the educational programme for relieving educated unemployment in this State."

Collection of sales tax from co-operative societies.

* 231 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the average collection of sales tax per year from co-operative societies in (*a*) the State, and (*b*) Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" (*a*) Rs. 58,80,000.
" (*b*) Rs. 21,24,000."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government aware that it is not possible for the co-operative stores to compete with private stores practising the subterfuges that the private dealers resort to and that it is impossible for Co-operative Stores, either wholesale or retail, to survive unless they are exempted from the payment of sales tax or other taxes? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
" Certain concessions are given in the case of co-operative societies. But we cannot be extending the concessions in each and every sector."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" On a point of order, Sir. Can the hon. Member put a question insinuating that private dealers resort to subterfuges? "